

REMARKS

Claims 1-11, 16 and 17 have been cancelled. Claims 18 and 19 have been amended. No new matter has been added. Thus, claims 12-15, 18 and 19 are pending in the present application. Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for indicating the allowability of claims 12-15. Applicant would also like to thank the Examiner for indicating the allowability of claim 19 if written in independent form. It is respectfully submitted that, based on the above amendments and the following remarks, all of the presently pending claims are in condition for allowance.

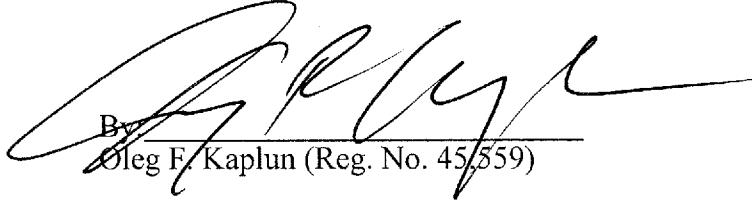
Claims 16 and 17 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by “Fault Current Limiter for a Three-Phase Line to Van et al. (hereinafter “Van”). *2/4/09 Office Action*, p. 3. Claims 16 and 17 have been cancelled. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the Examiner’s rejection is deemed moot.

Claim 18 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Van in view of U.S. Pat. No. 6,049,036 to Metra. *2/4/09 Office Action*, p. 3. Claim 18 has been amended to depend from claim 19. As indicated by the Examiner, claim 19 is objected to for being dependent upon a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. *2/4/09 Office Action*, p. 5. Claim 19 has been amended in independent form by incorporating the cancelled base claim 17. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that claim 19 is allowable. Furthermore, because claim 18 depends from and, therefore, includes the limitations of claim 19, it is respectfully submitted that this claim is also allowable.

CONCLUSION

In light of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that all of the pending claims are in condition for allowance. All issues raised by the Examiner having been addressed, an early and favorable action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,


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